Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023 at 03:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general themes but lower for timing of improvements at the end of the week.

Headline for Tuesday 03 Oct 2023: Sunny intervals and occasional showers, briefly heavy with a small chance of lightning. Strong westerly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	50%	70%	40%	40%

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Weather: A cloudy start to the day with frequent showers, some heavy with the small chance of lightning, and perhaps just cold enough for some sleet on the very highest summits. The showers becoming less frequent by afternoon with a few sunny intervals inbetween but still the odd heavy one around.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in morning rising 70% in afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken to overcast cloud in the morning with bases 700-900m and the odd lower patch, then bases rising somewhat in the afternoon with more in the way of breaks, though still occasionally down to 800-1000m, bringing poor summit visibility at times. Away from cloud, visibility varying from good in between showers to poor in the heavier showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	35/41 SW	35/41 W	32/41 W	32/41 W	29/37 SW	29/36 SW	32/41 SW
900	24/30 W	25/32 W	26/34 W	24/32 W	21/29 W	21/29 SW	23/32 SW
600	32/37 SW	29/35 SW	26/35 W	26/34 W	23/30 SW	24/32 SW	27/35 SW
300	13/19 SW	12/16 SW	14/22 W	15/22 W	11/18 SW	12/20 SW	15/25 SW
Glen	12/27 SW	11/23 W	14/27 W	13/26 W	11/24 W	10/23 SW	11/25 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	3/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	3/-4
900	5/0	5/-1	5/-0	5/-0	5/-0	5/-0	5/0
600	8/2	7/2	8/3	8/3	7/2	7/3	8/3
300	9/6	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/7	9/7	10/7
Glen	11/9	12/10	13/10	12/10	11/9	11/9	11/9
Freezing Level*	1600m	1600m	1500m	1500m	1400m	1600m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong to gale force summit winds combined with low temperatures and heavy showers will make it feel very cold.

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Oct 2023
Weather: Cloudy with showers merging to bring prolonged spells of heavy rain. Drier from late afternon, but still some heavy showers, especially over more western parts.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 40 gusts 55mph, easing 30 gusts 40 in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, later 50%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud bases 700-900m with some lower patches to 500m, but more broken cloud in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius rising to Plus 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits though only a few degrees above freezing on the highest tops.

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